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B U I L D I N G M A I L

RE: Reclamation Contracts

Dear Jim:

I have come to a determination that Oil, Gas & Mining reclamation contracts are not an acceptable form of bonding for mining operations being conducted under State mineral leases where surface disturbances or facilities are located on State lands. It is my intention to obtain a surety bond from the States lessee in these instances.

I have listed several State leases involved in operations having Oil, Gas & Mining reclamation contracts in force but am not familiar enough with the mining plans to know if surface disturbances or facilites are actually located on State lands. Would you please review your files or personal knowledge on these mines and indicate the extent to which State surface may be impacted and what bond amount should be required for such disturbance in each case.

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ML's 18301, 27247, 27248 - Metalliferous Mineral ALT 037 026
Union Carbide Co. - Snowball Mine

ML 22729 - Coal
Getty Oil Company - Star Point #1 & 2 Mines ALT 607 006 #5
(Plateau Mining Co.)

ML 23498 - Metalliferous Mineral Atlas Minerals - Standard #2 Mine Act 037 011

ML's 23550, 24092 - Metalliferous Mineral ACT 037 043 Union Carbide - Shaft Mine

ML 23842 - Metalliferous Mineral Union Carbide - Dereamo Mine

Plateau Resources - Frank M Mine ACT 017 017 (Mary Ann informs me that this operation contains mine dump, leech field, 2 ponds, water well, and portal on State Lands - what bond amount is recommended?)

Thank you,

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